Manufacturing of Non-conventional Energy Devices

2178. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received investment proposals of Rs. 10,000 crores from the US and Germany to manufacture devices and systems for harnessing non-conventional energy resources under the proposed SEZs Policy;

(b) whether Government have also received proposal from five States for setting up SEZs to manufacture equipment and systems for non-conventional energy;

(c) whether his Ministry has finalized the locations for setting up SEZs for the Rs. 10,000 crore investment proposal; and

(d) if so, by when the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise. However, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, a non-banking financial company under the administrative control of this Ministry, is envisaging formation of a Special Purpose Vehicle for setting up, maintaining and running of a Special economic Zone for renewable energy products.

Investment in Wind Power Projects

2179. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be please to state:

(a) whether the International Finance Corporation propose to invest in wind power projects in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the position of this sector in Orissa; and

(d) the action plan of Government to develop this sector in Orissa to light up more villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Ministry has not received any such proposal from International Finance Corporation to invest in wind power projects in India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Commercial wind power projects are private sector driven and the level of deployment depends upon the investors confidence in the State. No such project has come up in the States of Orissa so far.

(d) The Union Government is encouraging setting up of wind power projects in all potential States including Orissa by providing fiscal incentives such as concessional import duty on certain components of wind electric generator, excise duty exemption, ten years' tax holiday on income generated from wind power projects, benefit of accelerated depreciation, besides loan from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and other financial institutions. The nodal agency in the State of Orissa *i.e.* Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency has informed that steps have been taken to set up wind demonstration projects of 4 MW capacity. The wind power projects are grid connected and the electricity generated by these projects are fed to the state electricity grid, which would also be available for supplying to villages.

Mini Hydel Projects in West Bengal

2180. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the Government of West Bengal for Mini Hydel Project for the years 2006 and 2007.

(b) the number of proposals approved for hilly areas of Darjeeling out of these; and

(c) whether Government are considering to relax norms for approval of the proposals?